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Akihito YOSHIIE et al. : Docket No. 2001_1795A
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of October 2, 2003, Applicant hereby elects Species III, which is illustrated in Figs. 9-11. Note, that claims 1-6, 10-16, 21-24, 32-36, 41 and 53 read on the elected species. Also, Applicants confirm that claims 1-4, 10, 11 and 53 are currently generic.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected species is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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